GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the Prime Minister`s visit to USA a number of US delegations visited India;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the agreements signed during these visits; and

(c) the impact of these visits with regard to the lifting of the US sanctions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. After Prime Minister`s visit to the United States in September 2000, several U.S. delegations visited India, including the Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia, the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defence, a seven-member Senate delegation, a four-member India-Caucus Congressional delegation led by the Democratic Co-Chair,and a four-member Congressional delegation led by both the Democratic and Republican Co-Chairs of the India-Caucus who came to express solidarity in the aftermath of the Gujarat earthquake. No agreements were signed during these visits.

(c) The visits provided opportunities to discuss the broad spectrum of Indo-U.S. relations and helped in fostering a better understanding of each other`s positions, including on the issue of sanctions.